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=2018=

# Slavic American Cultural Organization The Kalifornski

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## Outgoing President's Message: Judy Hager

To inform and educate Slavic  
Americans, as well as others, of  
the Slavic Culture  
and History

### Calendar of Events

#### *Sveti Vlaho/St. Blaise Celebration*

February 3, 2018  
Villa Ragusa  
Campbell, CA.  
(408)368-7747

&

#### *Sveti Vlaho/St. Blaise Celebration*

February 3, 2018  
St. Anthony Croatian Cath-  
olic Church  
Los Angeles  
-- (310)548-1146 --

*SACO/SAEP  
February Dinner  
Saturday  
February 24, 2018  
at the  
Monterey Marriot*

*Rack of Lamb Dinner  
Saturday  
April 21, 2018  
Moreland Notre Dame Gym in  
Watsonville*

*SACO July Picnic  
Sunday  
July 8, 2018  
Corralitos Padres Hall*

*SACO/SAEP BBQ  
October, 2018  
(date and location  
to be determined)*

*Christmas Dinner  
Saturday  
December 8, 2018  
Watsonville Women's Club*

MARK YOUR CALEDARS!

Draga Obitelji SACO,

Sretan Nova Godina. We had another year of successful and fun events and 2018 promises to be very exiting with our first group of students visiting Croatia this summer. Our third annual SACO/SAEP (Student Ambassador Exchange Program) Dinner in February will be a sold out event, so get your tickets ASAP as several Croatian and local dignitaries will be attending. More information on the students and the dinner is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our Christmas dinner was a huge success again. Thanks to Maryann and her wonderful volunteers. Thank you to everyone who brought desserts and raffle prizes. The Soquel High School Jazz Choir was a repeat performance and was enjoyed by all. It was a very busy weekend for SACO volunteers as the following day we participated again in the Watsonville Multi-Cultural Event at the Plaza. This year we had two booths; informational and food. Luci Basor and Niki Simmons organized our booths. It was very successful.

My two year term as your President will be ending this month. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve. I enjoyed meeting new people and learning more about my wonderful heritage. Our hard working board, event committees and volunteers have all contributed to making everything run smoothly and made my job easy. We will welcome our new President and Board at our Annual Meeting.

SACO is vibrant and growing and every member should be proud! I hope to see you at the April BBQ and the July picnic. Hvala Puno for all your support.

Judy

### 2018 & 2019 SACO BOARD MEMBERS

(serving two year terms)

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### MEMBERS AT LARGE:

*Marc Del Piero, Judy Hager, Russell Jeffries, Steve Millich  
and Lauren Resetar Vucinich*

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## Treasurer's Report— as of January 20, 2018

Prepared by: Susan Radin Gallagher

The following is an accounting of our annual Christmas Dinner held Dec. 2, 2017.

|  |                    |
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| Tickets-149 adults & 3 children                | \$3,755            |
| Drinks   | \$649              |
| Raffle Drawing                                 | \$613              |
| Extra Food                                     | \$30               |
| Plants Sold                                    | <u>\$9.50</u>      |
| Gross Profit                                   | \$5,026.50         |
| Expenses                                       | <u>-\$2,603.60</u> |
| Net Profit                                     | \$2,422.90         |
| SACO Checking Account as of 1/20/18            | \$13,093.34        |
| SACO Scholarship Savings Account as of 1/20/18 | \$2,576.00         |

We are grateful to the following families who donated desserts and/or prizes for the Christmas Dinner:

J. Alaga, Backovich, Basor, Bulich, Dugger, Gallagher, Gizdich, Gospodnetich, Hager, F. Harris, Hergott, Hodges, Parks Mc Kay, Millich, Nielsen, Pavlovich, Radich, Rajkovich, Ruso, Sambrailo, Schnitter, Simmons, Solano, Spain, B. Stringari, K. Stringari, Vodanovich, Vukasovich and others who slipped by without notice. Thank you for your generosity!

Current SACO Membership: 215 members

Thank you for your continued support!

### MEMBERSHIP:

*Enclosed with the Kalifornski is a membership renewal form. Please pay your dues no later than March 30, 2018 to continue to be a member in good standing. Thank you!*

*In Memory Of*

Frances Heick  
John Radin  
Genevieve Simmunovich



*Let us remember those that SACO has recently lost  
but will never be forgotten*

SACO was proud to participate in the City of Watsonville's Annual Multi-Cultural Event on Sunday, December 3, 2017 organized by Luci Basor & Niki Simmons with numerous volunteers. Thank you to all the members who donated items for the children to enjoy coloring with and desserts to sell!



Niki Simmons (L) and Luci Basor  
in traditional ethnic clothing



Stephanie Bulich, Kerry Stingari  
and GeriAnne Solano-Simmons

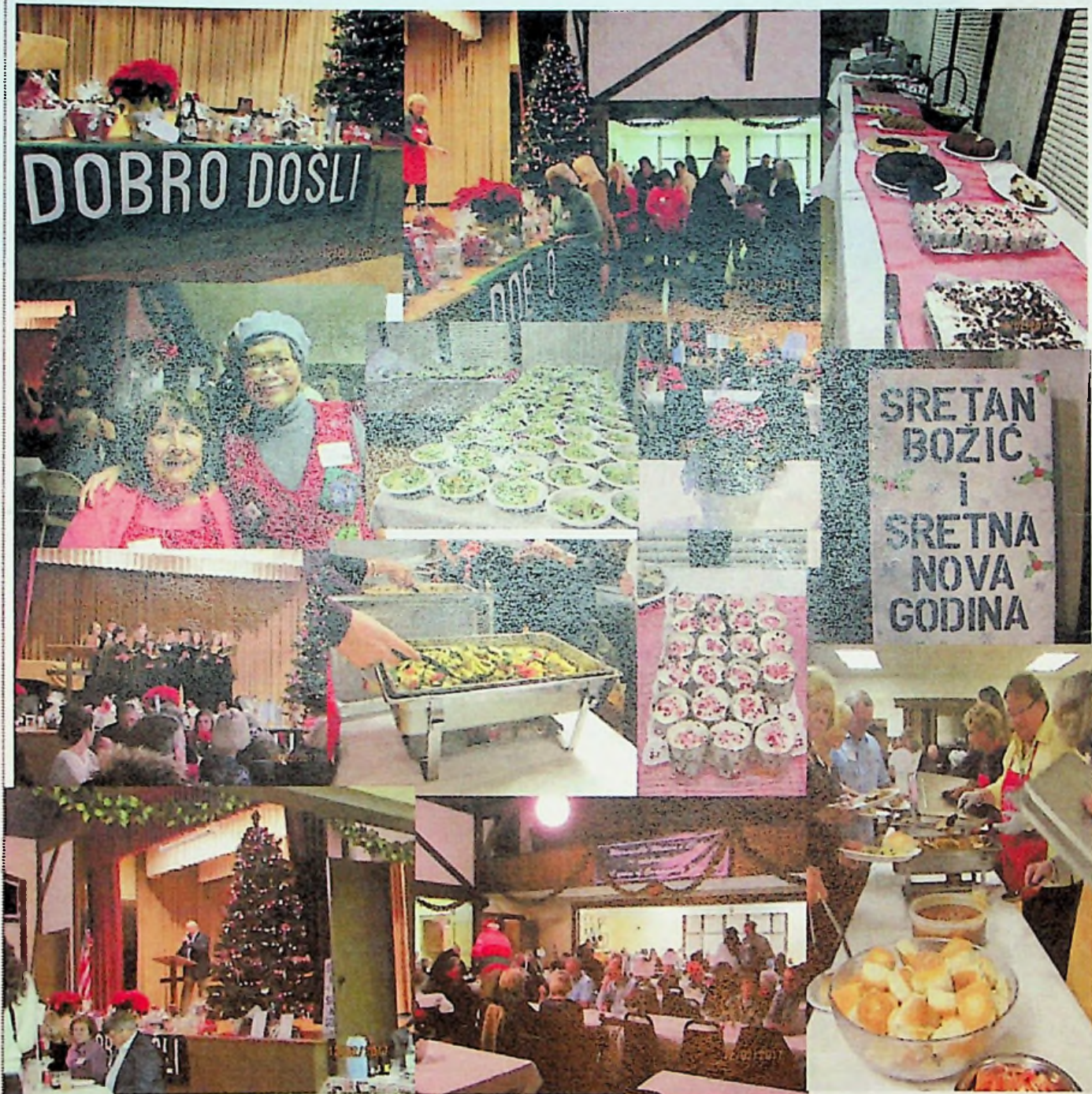


Community children enjoying the  
SACO's Cultural Art Table





*SACO's Annual Christmas Dinner  
held on December 2, 2017 at the  
Watsonville Women's Clubhouse*



Thank you to Judy Hager, Maryann Bulich Schnitter and volunteers for a most wonderful event!





## WHAT AN EVENT!

By Eric Del Piero



On February 24, 2018, your student ambassador and exchange program will host our third annual fundraising dinner. It will be, arguably, the most memorable event that SACO has ever sponsored.

The importance of SACO and its' presence in Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties is reflected by the guests of honor who have already confirmed their attendance. Those guests include the Mayor of Dubrovnik, Mr. Mato Frankovic, the President of the Dubrovnik City Council, Mr. Marko Protrebica, the Mayor of Monterey, Mr. Clyde Roberson, Congressman, Jimmy Panetta and Croatian Consul General, Mr. Sinisa Grigic.

Our SAEP fundraising dinner will be held in the Ferrante Room at the top of the Marriott Hotel in Monterey. The view of the Monterey Bay from our venue is magical and spectacular. The menu choices are delicious and the wine pairing will be perfect. The event is limited to only 185 attendees, so please order your tickets early! Your invitations will be arriving in mid-January. For the convenience of some members who do not drive, we will have arranged transportation from Watsonville to Monterey and back. If you have never been to a SACO celebration, this is the one to see and be seen!

2018 will be the first year for our Central Coast student ambassadors to visit both Croatia and Montenegro. The students chosen to represent SACO will be attending our fundraising dinner and our members will be able to meet them. Our student ambassadors are outstanding scholars with impressive resumes and recommendations.

It is through the generosity of our SACO membership that these young people will visit their historic homelands. The SAEP committee thanks the tremendous financial support and kindness of the Pavlovich Family, David and Maryann Bulich Schnitter, Jim Jeffries and Gold Star Buick GMC and Stephanie Bulich for their sponsorship of our special event. If you have any questions, please call 831-722-2481. You must RSVP by February 16!

## Congratulations to the SACO/SAEP Student Ambassadors

**Katlyn Bettencourt**  
Soquel High School—Junior  
Parents: Justin and Cindy Bettencourt  
Grandparents: John and Sharon Alaga

**Hunter Bobeda**  
Aptos High School—Junior  
Parents: Peter and Kristy Bobeda  
Grandparents: Tony and Betty Kesovia Bobeda

**Katherine Hodges**  
Notre Dame Salinas—Freshman  
Parents: Mike and Lynne Hodges  
Grandparents: Russell and Barbara Borcovich Jeffries

**Emily Garcia**  
St. Francis High School—Junior  
Parents: Pamela Arbanas  
Grandparents: Charles and Virginia Arbanas

**Mary Whitney**  
St. Francis H. S.—Junior  
Parents: Larry and Francis Whitney  
Grandparents: Anton and Mary Basich

**Victoria (Tori) Whitney**  
St. Francis H. S.—Freshman  
Parents: Larry and Francis Whitney  
Grandparents: Anton and Mary Basich

**Marko Zaninovich**  
Robert Louis Stevenson—Junior  
Parents: Marko and Dominique Zaninovich  
Grandparents: Marko and Theo Zaninovich



## Travels with Luci & Niki

This is continued travel series written by Luci Basor, a Watsonville native, who enjoys traveling with good friend and fellow Watsonville native and SACO member, Nikole "Niki" Simmons. Luci is a local educator and Niki works for Superior Foods. They both love to travel around the world in their spare time. They hope you enjoy reading stories of their adventures around the globe.



Niki & Luci

Happy New Year everyone! Sretna Nova Godina Svima!



I hope you all had a wonderful time during the holiday season! Even though it is winter time, I am always thinking about summer...which means, I am going to wrap up Niki's and my trip this past summer of 2017! I left off with our adventure in England, and am going to finish up with the second half of our trip in Scotland and Ireland.

Our trip from London to Edinburgh, Scotland began by taking a 4 hour train ride from one country to the other. Public transportation is amazing in Europe, and we definitely took advantage of it everywhere! Trains are fun because (at least ones

we've been on) we've been able to relax, see the countryside, and enjoy the ride!

Once we got to the train station, we quickly located our apartment, which was in a perfect location near the Royal Mile, the main street of Edinburgh. All settled in, we decided to move our logs (which ended up being a real workout) and take on a hike! Just outside of the city, just down the street actually, is a large mountain with a top called Arthur's Seat. This mountain is actually part of an ancient volcano! The trails were dirt and stone, some grass, and some parts very steep! After making it to the top, which took us about an hour (about 800' elevation), we had an incredible view of all of Edinburgh, include ports along the North Sea. Places like this are my favorite because it make you realize how



small you are in this world. We stayed up there for a while, taking in the beauty in front of us.

While we were in Edinburgh we saw many random sights and landmarks along the streets such as places where witches were burned, inspiration for Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, location of the last hanging in the city, and quotes written atop the streets. Little alleyways, called close, lead you throughout the city from one road to another. The Royal Mile (left), a series of main streets that make up the heart of Old Town in Edinburgh is filled with shops, taverns, restaurants, boutiques, bookstores, and more. It is decorated

with beautiful flowers and lights. We entered the restaurants and taverns to try some haggis, beer, sausages, and other Scottish goodies!

A historical we sight we visited was the Edinburgh Castle, located atop the Royal Mile. While there, we went in and out of rooms, saw royal jewels and outfits, and witnessed a cannon being shot. The "One O'Clock Gun" is set off at 1 everyday (LEFT- except Sundays) from the top of the castle. Now it is just for show and replica of what was done long ago, but it was a symbol of ships and sailors checking/known the time. In addition to the Castle, we visited the Holyrood Palace, a residence of the Queen of England (right). Inside the palace, we walked in and out of royal rooms, walked through a crumbled abbey, and roamed around the beautiful gardens around the palace.





Our final day in Edinburgh, we woke up early to hike up to Calton Hill, not too far from the center of the city. On top of Calton Hill are several monuments, one of which is an unfinished Athenian acropolis. There are several pathways around the hill from which you can view different sides of the city! After the walk, we had more time to kill, but had to figure out what to do with our luggage after checking out of our apartment. After doing some research, we found out that the Scottish National Gallery has free admission AND chambers to hold bags/luggage etc. SCORE! Not only were we able to check out some artwork, but we also did not have to lug around our stuff for the rest of the day!



Next and final country: IRELAND! (with a little Northern Ireland within). Niki, who is one quarter Irish, was excited to see the homeland of one of her ancestors! While there, she kept looking at family coat of arms, or crests, keeping an eye out for hers!

Aer Lingus was our next mode of transportation, flying from Edinburgh to Dublin, Ireland! Because we got into Dublin late afternoon, we had time to explore! Our apartment was just across the Temple Bar District, across the Ha'Penny Bridge, a perfect location to nearly everything in the city! We walked into Temple Bar district (bottom right), stopped to listen to local musicians playing on the streets, and took in the electricity of the city!

We could already tell this city is very vibrant! The buildings and bars of this area are beautifully decorated (similar to Edinburgh) with flowers and lights that glow amazingly at night! That night we enjoyed delicious soda bread, beer, and boxty, a potato pancake. Nights at Temple Bar are so alive! It seemed as if every single bar/tavern had live music playing, and people dancing along!

Our first full day in Dublin included a tour of the Trinity College, visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral, and whiskey tasting at the Jameson Distillery. While at the College, we got to see different parts of the campus, the Book of Kells, and the Library. Being a teacher, I was in awe as we



walked through the Long Room (library-left), staring up and down at all of the books. Interestingly, the books are organized by size and alphabetical order! It was one of the most mesmerizing places I've been to just knowing how much knowledge and history is within this room! Throughout the room are artifacts such as musical compositions, poems, stories, opened up for the public to see (and try to decipher) that tell this culture of the area. At one of the ends of the room, encased in glass, is a several hundred year old harp, a symbol of Ireland.



Walking through the city, we stopped at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Inside, beautiful tiles decorated the floors, stained glass windows brought in light, and the park around allowed people to come, hang out, and play soccer with their children. Continuing our way to the Jameson Distillery, we passed many streets with homes and buildings who's doors were beautifully brightened with colorful doors! I didn't realize this was a thing in Ireland until we adventured throughout the city. Doors of all colors stood out (right).



We finally made our stop at the Jameson Distillery. The exterior of the building looks like an old factory, made up of bricks and metal windows and door. Inside, however, it is adorned with bottles, both empty and full, of different types of Jameson whiskey. Even chandeliers made of bottles hung from the ceiling! Niki and I decided to take a tour of the distillery, which included a tasting at the end (that's the whole point, right!?). We were guided through the history of John Jameson's ideas to bring the distillery alive and the making of whiskey. The tour ended with a tasting of three types of whiskey!



Our next few days in Ireland include two days trips: Northern Ireland and the Cliffs of Moher, as well as one more day in Dublin! Stay tuned....until then, Živjeli! :)



60, 95  
Language  
noun

## Language Corner

by: John Basor

Teacher, Aptos/Santa Cruz/Watsonville Adult Education

Unlike English, Croatian has no silent letters. Almost every letter is pronounced as it is written, i.e. one prapheme = one phoneme. Each vowel can be either short or long.

60, 95  
Language  
noun

### About Town, Shopping and Dinning

Is there an Internet café? Ima li ovdje Internet café?  
I am lost, can you help me? Izgubio sam se, molim vas za pomoć.

Where is the Hotel Neptune? Gdje se nalazi Hotel Neptune?

Go straight ahead and then take the second on the right. Iđete ravno i druga ulica na desno.

Which bus goes to the main square? Koji broj autobusa vozi do glavnog trga?

### Dining

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| restaurant                  | restoran                    |
| breakfast                   | doručak                     |
| tea... with milk/with lemon | čaj... s mlijekom/s limunom |
| black coffee/white coffee   | crna kava/bijela kava       |
| milk                        | mlijeko                     |
| cream for coffee            | vrhnje za kavu              |
| sugar                       | šećer                       |
| bread roll                  | pecivo                      |
| butter                      | maslac                      |
| jam                         | pekmez                      |
| honey                       | med                         |
| eggs                        | jaje                        |
| lunch                       | ručak                       |

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| sandwich...                            | sendvič...                       |
| cheese sandwich                        | ...sa sirom                      |
| ham sandwich                           | ...sa šunkom                     |
| dinner                                 | večera                           |
| May I have the menu please?            | Molim vas jelovnik.              |
| Have you got anything for vegetarians? | Imate li nešto za vegetarijance? |
| dish                                   | jelo                             |
| bread                                  | kruh                             |
| soup                                   | juha                             |
| meat                                   | meso                             |
| beef                                   | govedina                         |
| pork                                   | svinjetina                       |
| lamb                                   | janjetina                        |
| fish                                   | riba                             |
| cod                                    | bakalar                          |
| carp                                   | šaran                            |
| salmon                                 | losos                            |
| trout                                  | pastrva                          |
| lobster                                | jastog                           |
| squid                                  | lignje                           |
| chicken                                | pileće meso (piletina)           |
| potato                                 | krumpir                          |
| beans                                  | grah                             |
| green beans                            | mahunje                          |
| veal                                   | teletina                         |
| meal                                   | obrok                            |



### A members suggestion

To check out this restaurant the next time you visit San Francisco:

### Albona Restaurant

545 Francisco Street (North Beach Area)

San Francisco, CA

Telephone: (415) 441-1040

Open 5:00 to 10:00 pm—closed on Mondays

They serve Italian, Croatian and Slovenian Cuisines. Highlighted dishes are Stuffed Squid in Marinara and Adriatic Seafood Stew with many Croatian wines available.

Vinko Grubisic "Elementary Croatian I"  
submitted by John Basor, local educator

### ***SOME REMARKS ON THE CROATIAN LANGUAGE***

The Croatian language belongs to the family of South Slavic languages. Apart from Croatian, this language family is comprised of Slovenian, Serbian, Macedonian and Bulgarian.

Croatian as it is spoken and written today is slightly different from the Croatian language used in previous centuries. When the Slavicized Croats arrived upon the shores of the Adriatic, in the 7th century, they found themselves on the edge of Western civilization and mixed with the Romanized Illyrian population.

Croatia is a Mediterranean, South-East European, Slavic country whose geopolitical position contributed greatly to the development of the Croatian language, culture and literature.

The first known documents written in Croatian date back to the 10th or 11th century. The *Tablet of Baška* (ca 1100) contains the name "Croatian" in the Croatian language. It was engraved in glagolitic letters, called glagolitsa, which flourished from the 11th to the 15th century. The glagolitsa was used sporadically until the early decades of our century. At approximately the same time, the *Tablet of Humac*, found in Herzegovina, was engraved. This tablet was written in Croatian cyrillic letters ("bosančica") which show visible traces of the glagolitsa. The glagolitsa was widespread in Istria, Dalmatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina while the cyrillic script was predominant in Middle Dalmatia, Dubrovnik, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In the 15th and 16th centuries, the Latin script gained ground in most parts of Croatia and gradually became the only Croatian alphabet. During the Renaissance period, there was well developed literature in Croatian cultural centres (Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik, Zadar). In the 16th and particularly in the 17th century, Baroque literature flourished in Southern and Northern Croatia. In the 18th century, Bosnia and Slavonia also produced some very valuable literary works.

The Croatian language consists of three dialects: Čakavian, Kajkavian and Štokavian, thus termed after the interrogative pronoun "Ča/Kaj/Što", which means "what". Interesting literary works were written in all three dialects but in the 18th century the Štokavian dialect became the Croatian standard language. There were many reasons for such a choice, but two seem to be the most important:

a) Slavonian, Ragusan, Bosnian, and many Dalmatian writers produced their works in Štokavian, and b) the largest number of Croats spoke Štokavian at that time as is the case today.

The form of the Latin script which is used today was unified in 1830, when Ljudevit Gaj published his *Precis of the Croatian Orthography*.

From the 15th century onwards, the Croatian standard language has been steadily enriched by the Kajkavian and Čakavian dialects.

Today Croatian is spoken in the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. There are also many Croats and persons of Croatian descent living in the West European countries, as well as in both the Americas, Australia and New Zealand, who communicate or are able to communicate in Croatian.



The SACO Scholarship Application Packet will be available on February 1, 2018. The completed applications with the required attachments must be received by **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018**. Area high schools will receive application packets by February 1st. For high school not receiving scholarship information and applicants living out of the area, they may request a packet by calling one of the following coordinators:

John Basor: (831) 254-2169

Maryann Bulich Schnitter: (408) 828-5206

Judy Hager: (831) 438-2188

Antonio Violich: (831) 359-0754



## MOSAIC REPRESENTING CROATIAN COMMUNITY\*

located at the corner of Main and Second Streets

Watsonville, California



WATSONVILLE — Pedestrians walking through downtown Watsonville can now take a trip through time.

"Celebrating the Dignity of Labor," a series of 16 mosaic medallions, has been recently completed and embedded in the sidewalks along three intersections on Main Street.

Watsonville artist Kathleen Crocetti was chosen by the city to create mosaics for the newly-expanded sidewalks from First Street to the Watsonville Plaza.

Each tiled medallion, placed in sequential order, represents a wave of immigrants Watsonville has seen over the years, and the work they were involved in, such as mustard growing for the Chinese and wheat for the

Danish. The design for the mosaics came from a series of community meetings Crocetti held earlier in the year, where she gathered input on how each group should be represented.

Once the designs were nailed down, Crocetti organized a number of events at the Watsonville Farmers Market, where community members were invited to help create the mosaics. Crocetti said she was "really, really pleased" with the way the project turned out. "I love them", she said.

*(as published in the Register-Pajaronian E-Edition on Sunday, January 28, 2018)*

**\*NOTE: thank you to both Luci Basor and Niki Simmons for attending the planning meetings, representing SACO, and helping with the installation of the medallions.**



Some of the formerly used apple box labels in the Pajaro Valley





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### MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

members and the public are welcome!

The SACO Board of Directors currently meets the 3rd Tuesday  
of every month at the Driscoll Strawberry Association's  
office located on Westridge Drive, Building #300,  
Watsonville, CA from 7:00-9:00 PM.  
We hope to see you there!

The Slavic American Cultural Organization is a non-profit corporation  
established in Watsonville in 1979 to bring together the Slavic community  
of the former Republics of Yugoslavia which are Bosnia-Herzegovina,  
Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia for social and  
recreational purposes and to instill in the membership a pride in the  
cultural heritage, traditions and contributions of the Slavic Americans in  
Santa Cruz County. A large percentage of the local current and active  
members have a Croatian heritage.

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## SACO'S (formerly YACO's) HISTORY



Since 1979

**YACO**

*10th Anniversary*

**1979 - 1989**

### 1984

Our club continued with much the same program as the year before.  
In addition, YACO sponsored the Sinovi Tamburitza Orchestra from  
Chicago on February 25 and the Tereza Kasovia Concert on April 14.  
Both were well attended with Sinovi drawing 280 people to Kennedy  
Center and Tereza drawing some 350 to E.A. Hall.

There was a Jadranska Noc on October 13 and YACO's first and only  
New Year's Eve party was held at Knights of Columbus Hall.

### 1985

This was to prove to be a fateful year for YACO. On March 9, we  
sponsored the Becari Orchestra from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This  
group of talented young men put on a terrific show that was enjoyed by  
all who attended. What followed, however, was rather unpleasant.  
YACO lost a considerable amount of money on this event. Because of  
this fact and other underlying problems, a special Executive Board  
meeting was held in April. It turned out to be rather raucous. The air  
was cleared and a majority of those in attendance made their feelings  
known about the future of YACO. Over the next several months, YACO  
made policy decisions not to have any more out-of-state tamburitza  
orchestras and not to sponsor major concerts. A proposal to have YACO  
sponsor the Duquesne Tamburitza group in the Spring of 1986 was  
turned down by the YACO membership in the Winter of 1985. An article  
in the March, 1986 *KALFORNSKI* stated that YACO was returning to  
potlucks mainly, as when we started.